

A CAT may look upon a KING.

An Epistolary P O E M,

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The Loss of the EARS of a favourite FEMALE CAT.

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TH O U Enemy, who e'er thou
art,
Thy Actions show thy har-
den'd Heart;
To serve a fav'rite CAT so base!
To spoil the Beauty of her Face!
The Muse, did she thy Name but know,
Would lash thee well and shame thee too.

Had'st thou for *Shingles* wanted cure,
And bled her in the Tail, besure,
Thou might'st have been excus'd for that,
But to cut both Ears off the CAT!
Out of meer Mischief and Ill Nature,
To so deserving a dear Creature,
Is an unpardonable thing:
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Or had she *Catterwawling* went,
Or in thy *Pantry* once been pent,
Thou might'st, perhaps, had Reason great;
In such a Manner her to treat:
But, to be cruel and unkind,
To one, nor rav'nously inclin'd,
Who nurs'd at that time *Kittens* three,
No Punishment's enough for thee.

Tho' no *Advertisement* can find thee,
Or *Law* to good Behaviour bind thee;
Yet in Revenge these *Curses* take,
From *Puss*, who is provok'd to speak.

May'st thou on *Rats* and *Mice* be fed,
And lose thy Bacon, Cheese and Bread.
May all thy Goods and Furniture,
If thou hast any to secure,
By those Vile Vermin be destroy'd;
And may thy House be still annoy'd,
And stink so with them, ne'er to be,
Kept Clean by any Housewifry.
Farther, my *Curses* to compleat,
May'st thou at length be sweetly beat,
With Cat of *Nine-Tails*, and then swing,
In *Hemp*, or in Cat-gut String.

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The Love of a Cat, and a Kite, and a Cat

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